CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken in the 2nd Floor Community Room, Main Library, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Pat Barton, Norman Burdick, Margaret Cousin, Tiffanie Duncan, Barbara Van Auken, and Jeanne Williamson
Committee Members Absent: Cathy Curtis, Tim Hartneck, Tom Menger, and Dave Weiss
Staff Present: Liza Hickey, Alyce Jackson, Roberta Koscielski, Trisha Noack, and Randall Yelverton

ORDER OF BUSINESS
B. Meet and Greet for Randall Yelverton
Committee Chair Barbara Van Auken asked that Randall leave the meeting while this topic is discussed. She noted that she, Pat Barton, Lucy Gulley, Roberta Koscielski, and Trisha Noack are working on this event. It will be catered by Cracked Pepper and Margaret Cousin will be providing the floral arrangements. The event is hosted by the Board and staff. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jeanne Williamson will introduce Randall Yelverton at 6 p.m. and he will offer some remarks. The invitation list includes schools, public and elected officials, key businesses, donors, and partners. Invitations will be mailed by August 23 and responses will be due by September 13.

A. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Margaret Cousin, seconded by Tiffanie Duncan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Digitization Subcommittee
Norman Burdick reported that the committee will meet after the Meet and Greet event, possibly in September.

D. The Great American Read
Roberta Koscielski distributed a handout listing the 100 Great American Read titles as well as the five themed book discussions being held at North Branch and the PBS episodes that will be broadcast in September and October. Roberta noted that Peoria Public Library received a grant from the American Library Association and PBS to encourage our community to celebrate books and the joy of reading. The Library is participating through book discussions led by English instructors from ICC, Methodist College, Bradley University, and OLLI, a trivia contest, and opportunities to vote for your favorite book.
E. Graduated Reintegration Initiative
In July, Randall, Roberta, Trisha, and Robin met with the Deputy Director of the Public Library Association and a research scholar from the Marron Institute of Urban Management at New York University. The institute had received a grant to carry out a groundbreaking criminal justice initiative called Graduated Reintegration, which is a prison release program to improve the outcomes of persons returning to the community from incarceration. They want to partner with the Library since we can:

- Create a resource tab on our website with databases and information of interest to them
- Provide an orientation and tour of Main Library with time in the computer lab to introduce the website
- Host a community resource and employment fair at Main Library

Our next meeting with the project director and the case manager for the program is scheduled for August 22.

F. No Smoking on Library Property
Randall reported he is studying this topic ad will report back at a later date. Jeanne Williamson noted that the committee is sensitive to staff members who smoke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

OTHER BUSINESS
Barbara Van Auken said that she saw an article in the New York Times discussing a library partnering with museums and other cultural organizations to provide free admission once a year to library cardholders. The program limited the number of free admissions offered each month. Randall mentioned that the Reaching Across Illinois Library System is putting a similar program in place for cultural organizations in Illinois. Randall will bring further information on this to the next meeting. Pat Barton noted that she heard about a monthly Painting with Bob Ross program that was started in Utah and is being offered in St. Louis. Jeanne Williamson reminded everyone of the Thor Hanson program scheduled for October 3 at North Branch and hopes that the program attracts around 100 people.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Margaret Cousin, seconded by Pat Barton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.